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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEXICAN GUIDELINES PROPOSED FOR
NEGOTIATING GROUP ON OAS REFORM. STATEMENT IS ONLY IN
DISCUSSION STAGE AND IS CABLED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

QUOTE 1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENTRUST TO THE
PERMANENT COUNCIL THE FORMATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL SPECIAL
NEGOTIATING GROUP IN ORDER THAT, BY NEXT SEPTEMBER AT THE
LATEST, IT WILL CONVENE AT HEADQUARTERS WITH THE OBJECTIVE
MENTIONED IN THE TITLE ABOVE.

2. THE GROUP SHALL BE FORMED OF A SMALL NUMBER OF
REPRESENTATIVES (BETWEEN NINE AND ELEVEN FOR EXAMPLE)
ASSISTED BY SEVERAL ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO WILL
DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO A MINUTE EXAMINATION OF THE
DIFFICULTIES AND DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE UNTIL NOW STOOD IN
THE WAY OF COMPLETING THE WORK OF CEESI (FYI. COMMITTEE
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ON RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM FORMED IN 1973
WHICH DRAFTED THE THREE-POINT INSTRUMENTS, CHARTER,
CONVENTION ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CONVENTION ON
COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. END FYI). FOR THIS PURPOSE,

THE GROUP CAN ACT WITH THE GREATEST FREEDOM AND WITHOUT
CONFINING ITSELF NECESSARILY TO THE REGULATIONS OF CEESI.

IN ELECTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, THE PRINCIPLE OF FAIR GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION SHALL BE KEPT IN MIND.

3. IN NO INSTANCE SHALL ANYONE BELOW THE RANK OF MINISTER COUNSELOR ACT AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS COUNTRY.

4. THE GROUP WILL WORK EVERY DAY, MORNING AND AFTERNOON WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS.

5. IF AT THE END OF TWO MONTHS THE GROUP SHALL NOT HAVE COMPLETED ITS TASK, A RECESS OF TWO MONTHS MAY BE DECLARED, AT THE END OF WHICH THE GROUP SHALL RENEW ITS EFFORTS.

6. THE GROUP SHALL ADOPT RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENSUS; BUT IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THE DISSENTING REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES MAY RECORD THEIR POSITION IN WRITING.

7. QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURES WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS SHALL BE DECIDED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL SHALL DRAFT A BRIEF SET OF REGULATIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL INCLUDE STANDARDS FOR THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN, A VICE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR AS WELL AS THEIR REPLACEMENTS SHOULD THIS BECOME NECESSARY. QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURES WHICH CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY THE GROUP SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL FOR ITS DECISION.

9. A MAJORITY OF 2/3'S OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

10. AT THE COMPLETION OF ITS TASK, THE GROUP WILL GIVE A REPORT TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WHICH WILL REFER IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH THE OBSERVATIONS IT DEEMS PERTINENT.

BASED UPON THE GUIDELINES ABOVE WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SHALL HAVE APPROVED, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD PREPARE A DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH, IN TURN, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE PLENARY FOR A FINAL DECISION. END QUOTE. VANCE

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